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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BEGGERE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOUEN, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 3 " 3 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,250. RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, THEADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

INAUGURAL CONCERT.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL,

Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road, on

THURSDAY,

18th DECEMBER, at 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the Finance of the Institution.

Programmes will be issued.

Tickets—Price \$1—may be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. de19

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

MISS ELOIA MAY

will give a

PERFORMANCE

for

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

On SATURDAY, 20th Dec., 1879,

being her

FAREWELL TO THE EAST,

assisted by

THE EMINENT TRAUCIAN.

Mr. B. FAIRCLOUGH.

For Particulars, in future Advertisement.

DUNCAN MACALLUM,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. de20

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED their Usual Assortment of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:—

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CABINETS.

PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS.

VELVET WORK BAGS.

WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods.

CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS.

VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

STATUETTES.

Handsomely Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS Comprising:—

PICTURE GALLERY OF MODERN ART.

SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.

WOODLAND ROMANCE.

THE BIRD, BY JULES MICHELET.

THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET.

THE BIRD WORLD.

THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties.

Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

DOLLS' FORTMANTHAUX, completely fitted.

SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS.

MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety.

DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS.

PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS.

HORSES and CARRIAGES, WHEEL-BARROWS.

DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:—

HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL.

INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS.

BELLES OF THE SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCATELS.

Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Presents.

FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES.

FRUITS in Noyau. JUJUBES.

SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS.

BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just received, Specially for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,

A few LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S Japanese DRESSING GOWNS,

Very Richly Embroidered.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. de17

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

awarded the

GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX.

Quarts, £17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints, £18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe80

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 18th December, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Auction Sales Room, Peddar's Wharf,—

An Invoice of TOYS, comprising:—

Mechanical and Other Toys, in great variety.

Flower Pots, Painted Vases on Gilt Stands, Inkstands, Ornaments, Albums, Plated Ware, and a variety of other Articles, suitable for Holiday Gifts.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1879. de18

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE Have authorized Mr HENRY PRINCE TENNANT to Sign the Name of our Firm at Foochow.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de29

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be RESPONSIBLE for any ACCOUNTS contracted in his Name, unless a written authority, duly signed by him, be produced.

JOHN LAWRENCE,

2nd Officer, Str. Fowen.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879. de23

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1879.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the Flanship can be obtained from the SECRETARY, V. R. O.

A SUBSCRIPTION LIST is now lying at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and intending SUBSCRIBERS are requested to Sign it.

L. B. FRIEND,

Hon. Secretary, V. R. O.

Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—

No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

TAKA-IMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.

FOR SALE, Large and Small COAL.

Apply at the OFFICES, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL; or, to

THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th Inst. until the 3rd Proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja2

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE EXCLUSIVELY.

Head Office, Surrey Street, Norwich.

London Office, 50, Fleet Street.

CAPITAL, £1,100,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

BIRLEY & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1879. de19

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET."

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. de27

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship "ALBA,"

Capt. F. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. de18

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA,"

Capt. TALBOT, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon.

No Cargo will be received after 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

BE to call attention to the following New Supply of STORES, which they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"

And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 6-lb. and 8-lb. each.
CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.
Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.
Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.
DRAGONS, ALMONDS.
FANCY CHOCOLATES.
MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.
NOUGATINES.
Crystallized METZ FRUITS.
New Designs in COSAQUES.
"CATERWATER'S HAT BOX."

"MARQUETTE'S JEWEL CASE."
"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."
"EDWIN and ANGELINA."

SYRNA FIGS.
Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.
BRAZIL NUTS.
PECAN NUTS.
HICKORY NUTS.
Cooking and Table PRUNES.
Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.
Candied PEEL.
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
CARRAWAY SEEDS.
SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.
AMERICAN CREAM CHEESE.
SAP SAGE CHEESE.
LIMBURG CHEESE.
PINE APPLE CHEESE.
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.
GAME PIES.
Potted MEATS.
Prime Yorkshire HAM.
Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Cans.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
TRUFFLES.
CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.
Cutting's Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OYSTER BISCUITS.
WAFER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES, Pils and Quarts.
HOOK.
SAUTERNES.
CLARET.
Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.
SACONNE'S Pale Dry SHERRY.
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.
LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE, Pils and Quarts.
MARASCHINO DE ZARA.
CURACAO.
Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.
SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.
BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, Pils and Quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J. BURNS, Pils and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.
Princess CHEROOTS.
Cavite CHEROOTS.
Princess CIGARS.
Cavite CIGARS.
Arcoires CIGARS.
Vegueros CIGARS.
Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes of 100.
Choice No. 3 Melsig CHEROOTS.
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.
SCIENTIFIC WORKS.
WORKS OF REFERENCE.
SCHOOL BOOKS.

CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.
NOVELS.
ATLAS.
HISTORIES.
DICTIONARIES.

OLDFORD'S METHOD for Learning FRENCH and SPANISH.
DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GERMAN and FRENCH.

ASHER'S MODEL BOOKS OF FOREIGN COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.
"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.
Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

Intimations.

YEUNG CHUN CHONG.—I was a Steward on board the Princess Charlotte nearly 15 Years. The Dr. (BENNETT) had shown me to make MILK PUNCH WINE, and I have followed doing the same and used Superior Materials or Stuff which is made by Dr. Bennett, which may be drunk at any time without pernicious effect. Now I wish to be established on shore.—No. 62, WELLINGTON STREET.

QUAN CHEONG.
Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce that he carries on from this Date the above Establishment, as a FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. The House is now being THOROUGHLY RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED. MR. SHUSTER hopes by strict attention to Business, and by supplying the Best of Liquors, to merit a share of Public Patronage. The house has AMPLIFIED ACCOMMODATION for BOARDERS, who will meet with every comfort. The Table will be of the Best and the Charges strictly Moderate. The Proprietor will be at all times ready to apply PIANO PARTIES and to provide DINNERS for PARTIES of Six and upwards on very REASONABLE TERMS.

THE BOWLING ALLEYS ARE TO BE RE-LAID.

English and American BILLIARD TABLES.

TIFFIN at ONE; DINNER at SEVEN.

WINES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

ORIENTAL HOTEL,

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, November 5, 1879. H

LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER, answers to the name of "PUNCH." Small white spot on breast.
\$5 Reward will be given.
Address: No. 12, Praya East.
Hongkong, November 18, 1879.

LOST.

A PARCEL of MANILA LOTTERY TICKETS ex "Emerald" from MANILA, November 11th, containing the following Numbers, for the December drawing:—

28 Tickets,.....No.	1,940 @	1,962
23 "	2,623 "	2,645
23 "	3,768 "	3,790
23 "	4,397 "	4,419
23 "	5,848 "	5,870
24 "	6,196 "	6,219
24 "	7,790 "	7,813
24 "	8,479 "	8,502
24 "	9,081 "	9,104
24 "	10,471 "	10,494
24 "	11,496 "	11,519

The Manila Government have been notified of the Loss, and any Prizes which may be drawn on the above Tickets will not be paid.
The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if necessary, by Returning the package to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge.—Melchers & Co.
HONGKONG, German 3 masted schooner, Captain Carl Oom.—Wilder & Co.
PRIMO, German barque, Capt. Seekamp.—Simonsen & Co.
URDINE, German barque, Captain F. Kruse.—Melchers & Co.
MOSES B. TOWER, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ALICE REED, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kilbean.—Melchers & Co.
ANY TURNER, American barque, Captain A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.
JOHN NICHOLSON, British ship, Capt. T. B. P. Campbell.—Messageries Maritimes.
LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh.—Borneo Company.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.
The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 17th Inst., at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de17

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOL.

The Steamship "HAINAN," Captain CONNOR, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Inst., at 9 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de18

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Company's Steamship "PATROCLOS," Capt. M. R. WHITE, will be despatched on the 18th Inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "NAMOA," Capt. WATSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 21st Inst., at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de21

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR LONDON.
The A 1 British Bark "WINLOW," BAKER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

J. NOBLE,

JEWELLER & WATCHMAKER,

HAS JUST RECEIVED A FINE SELECTION OF

GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY, in the Newest Designs.

MORDAN'S GOLD and SILVER PEN and PENCIL CASES, SILVER CUPS,

And many NOVELTIES, Suitable for Christmas and New Year's Presents.

2, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de30

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 16, Diamante, British steamer, 514, E. Thebaud, Manila Dec. 18, General.—Russell & Co.

Dec. 16, Hainan, American steamer, 281, J. W. Conner, Pakhoi Dec. 12, and Holbow, General.—Russell & Co.

Dec. 16, Alden Bess, American barque, 842, A. Noyes, Portland Oct. 20, via Honolulu, Lumber Spars.—ROZARIO & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 16, Totting, for Swatow.

16, Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

16, Kaiser-i-Hind, for Shanghai.

16, Yangtze, for Shanghai.

16, Hwai Yuen, for Shanghai.

16, Arratoon Apear, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

16, Moray, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

16, Gordon Castle, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Oberon, for New York.

Scindia, for Singapore, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Diamante, from Manila, Mr and Mrs Stevenson, 8 children and 2 servants, Messrs J. Cabredo and T. W. Wright, and 91 Chinese deck.

Per Hainan, from Holbow, &c., 51 Chinese.

Per Alden Bess, from Portland, &c., 342 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Kwangtung, for Swatow, Mr F. A. Gardner (2nd Officer of Fei-hoo).

Per Kaiser-i-Hind, for Shanghai: from Hongkong, Mrs Bouncon, Messrs R. Fonseca and Lyons, and 7 Chinese; from Southampton, Rev. Mr Shann and Mrs Shann, Mrs Holliday, Mr Robertson, and Mrs Pugh's two amala; from Bombay, Mr and Mrs Ezekiel and infant, and Mr J. Nathan; from Port Said, Mr Sommerlick; from Brindisi, Mr Lo Marchand.

Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, Mr Davis.

Per Arratoon Apear, for Singapore, &c., Mr and Mrs Baldwin and children, Mr and Mrs Melita and children, Mrs Mody and children, Messrs N. Sorabjee, S. Rouben, H. O. Denne, Hedge, E. H. Williams, and 400 Chinese.

Per Moray, for Singapore, &c., Mr Ohee Kee and family, and 2 Indians.

Per Gordon Castle, for Shanghai, Messrs Housefield and Ritchie from London.

Per Totting, for Swatow, 180 Chinese.

Per Hwai Yuen, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Diamante reports: Had N.E. monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The American steamer Hainan reports: First part strong N.E. gale, latter part fine weather.

The American barque Alden Bess reports: Light winds all the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA.—

Per Swada, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 17th inst.

For FOOCOW.—

Per Feronia, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For NEW YORK.—

Per ship Emerald Isle, at noon To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For AMOY.—

Per Diamante, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN.—

Per Alby, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 17th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—

Per Patroclos, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th inst.

For MANILA.—

Per Emerald, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 19th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW.—

Per Namoa, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th inst.

For HOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGASAKI.—

Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst.

HOURS FOR CLOSING

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Day of Departure.—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes;

Post Office closes till 8 p.m., except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.

9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 15 cents until

10.30 P.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.

10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packed with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

2 p.m.—Diamante leaves for Amoy.

11 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Preserverance Lodge.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 18:—

Daylight.—Alby leaves for Amoy, &c.

9 a.m.—Hainan leaves for Holbow, &c.

2 p.m.—Auction of Toys, &c., at Mr G. R. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

4 p.m.—Patroclos leaves for London.

Goods per Anadyr undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

8.30 p.m.—Inaugural Concert at New Temperance Hall.

FRIDAY, December 19:—

Noon.—Emerald leaves for Manila.

Goods per Gordon Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, December 20:—

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 31st Instant, inclusive.

Transfer Books of the H. K. & C. Gas Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 31st Instant, inclusive.

9 p.m.—Eldica May in City Hall.

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.O.

SUNDAY, December 21:—

Daylight.—Namoa leaves for Coast Ports.

WEDNESDAY, December 24:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Crusader leaves for Port Darwin, Cooktown, &c., on or about this date.

SATURDAY, December 27:—

Daylight.—Mitsu Bishi Mail leaves for Yokohama via Kobe.

Noon.—Somerset leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, &c.

WEDNESDAY, January 14:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 1879.

WHAT may now be called the Mosby

leaves seems likely to exercise a fair

amount of influence in the purification

of the hitherto unworkable lump of American

Consular representation in the Far

East. Some of our readers who fail to

realize the extent to which the reputation

of the United States, and with it the

foreign name generally, has suffered

from the dishonesty of U. S. representa-

tives here and elsewhere, are of opinion

that we have given too great prominence

to this subject. A glance through our

American files would speedily satisfy

any one interested as to the amount of

attention now being drawn to these

matters in the States; and as all right-

minded men must be delighted that so

ugly a blot is in a fair way of being

removed, the question is one which is

full of interest to all foreigners resident

in China.

The exposure of a widespread system

of official fraud is neither an easy nor an

inviting task, and it is therefore due to

Colonel Mosby, the U. S. Consul at this

port, to say that he is a brave as

well as an honest man. He has lately

been the butt of many a wicked joke

and of not a few venomous attacks. He

has been looked upon as a man who has

so entirely sacrificed his official position

and broken the traditional rules of office

regarding predecessors, as to render

avall themselves of the boat, and her master, Captain R. Downe, an old and experienced hand on the coast, and three of the native sailors were drowned, while seven of the others managed to keep afloat on parts of the wreckage until they were picked up by fishing boats, or drifted ashore. The *Lorcha* is a total wreck; she was not insured.

Our Overland Edition for to-morrow's mail will be ready for subscribers at noon to-morrow. It will contain:

Editorial Articles.—Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Pope Hennessy, The 'Steamer-owners' Combination, The Judges on Unfettered Reporting, A Vicious System in Summary Cases, Mr. Hennessy on the School Question.

General Articles.—A Tragedy in the Harbour, Recent Rowing, Legislative Council, Rowing Prospects, German Founding Hospital, The Temperance Hall, Confucius and Carlyle, Lord Carnarvon's Views on Mr. Pope Hennessy's Policy, The Governorship of Queensland, The Fatal Collision between the S.S. *Amoy* and a Junk, The Waverley Ball at Shanghai, Supreme Court, Police Intelligence, Cricket, Distressing Occurrence at Woeung, Canton, Manila, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Opium Report, Commercial Summary, Max. O'Leary on Local Topics, Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Shipping Intelligence.

Among the arrivals at Yokohama by the City of Peking, are the following ladies and gentlemen who are on a tour round the world and who will shortly visit this port:—Mr. Howard G. White and wife, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. R. L. S. Hall, formerly of New York City, and for several years a resident of San Francisco. These parties are cousins to the present United States Minister, A. D. White, to Berlin, and propose to visit their relative during their tour, which will include India and continue through the Suez Canal, entering Europe by the Brindisi route and then by the Italian lakes to Berlin. They will be absent from home from one to two years.

Professor Nordenskjöld continues his triumphal march homewards. At Singapore he has been received with distinguished consideration. The *Times* of that port says:—

As some remarks have been made upon the circumstance that Professor Nordenskjöld and Captain Palander of the *Vespa*, are not the guests of the Administrator we may state—though we have no authority for doing so—that the cause is apparent. General Anson, whose hospitality and that of his family is proverbial, is still very unwell, hence the kindly portals of Government House are closed for the present. Professor Nordenskjöld and Captain Palander will, we hear be entertained at a dinner in the Club on Wednesday evening, and of course both the eminent men will be prominent figures at the St. Andrew's Day Ball on Tuesday. So that Singapore is doing its most—with the small materials at command—to show respect to our distinguished visitors.

The New York Herald's Washington Correspondent, writes the following, Nov. 10:—

Advices were received at Washington by the last mail, reporting that the Chinese Government has sent a very satisfactory letter to Japan in reference to the Loo Choo question. This is in response to a letter submitted by General Grant to Prince Kung, giving his idea of what the terms of arbitration should be. This letter has not been made public, but the news from Japan indicates that the arbitration of Grant has averted a war, and brought about hopes of a peaceful arrangement between the two countries.

The Hamburg correspondent of the *L. & C. Express* has the following sensible little paragraph in his letter of date Nov. 4th:—

A sort of schism is at present prevailing in our population, in consequence of a little book, written by one of our most prominent judges, and which pleads in favour of a re-introduction of punishing culprits by flogging, instead of imprisoning them. The fact is that of late prisoners in Germany were far better off than many a poor labourer, who hardly could bring his family through, whilst convicts lived like gentlemen, at the public expense. The consequence was an overflowing of the gaols, especially here at Hamburg, which had become a very heavy burden to our little Republic, which ever since has been regarded as the universal refuge of all sorts of vagabonds. The better classes, and most of the judges, are in favour of a re-introduction of flogging.

We are glad to record the golden opinions gained by the gallant 74th Highlanders at Singapore. Our contemporary at that port writes:—

If loud and hearty cheers are a criterion of gratitude the popular Highlanders may be assured that Singaporeans fully appreciate their kindness. After the Band had got through their Programme, on the Esplanade, on Saturday night, loud and long was the applause, and the cries for "another cheer for the Highlanders" were quickly responded to. An enthusiastic crowd seldom seen in Singapore thronged the Esplanade to hear the Band and Pipers, and it did all in its power to speed "the parting guests" who have ever been obliging. We believe it is intended to present the Band with some little souvenir as a mark of the appreciation of the general community. What shape it will take has not yet been decided upon.

The P. and O. steamer *Peshawar*, which arrived in Shanghai on the 9th instant, reports that at 9.30 a.m. on the 8th inst. he fell in with a Ningpo fishing boat with the rudder gone and otherwise so damaged as to be in a helpless condition, and he took off her crew, consisting of six persons, and brought them up to Shanghai.—*News*.

Our morning contemporary has "reason to know that His Excellency the Governor recommended that the office of Treasurer should be given to the late Senior Police Magistrate Mr. May," and has now much pleasure in announcing that when the present Acting Attorney-General, the Hon. James Russell, resumes his seat at the Magistracy as Senior Magistrate he will be appointed by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to be Colonial Treasurer. This will secure to the Government Mr. Russell's valuable services as a member of the Legislative Council.

The New York Tribune states that Mr. Chun Shen Yin, of the Chinese Embassy at Washington, is shortly to take the position of Chinese Consul at Havana. He is an accomplished man, and speaks English easily and gracefully. Mr. Yin was a well-known resident of Hongkong.

The following from the *Alta California* is pretty plain talk:—

Advices from China present the American diplomatic service in that country in a very unpleasant light. When Minister Seward is not at his post, Rev. Christmas Holcombe, a very light-weighted diplomatist, is on deck; and when both these are absent, a Burmese, who used to be a waiter in a Shanghai restaurant, disports himself as Chargé d'Affaires. It is nothing new for our diplomatic service to be an object of ridicule to the effete despots of Europe; but it is a little too bad to have the Chinese laughing at us.

Mr. W. H. Read, Consul General for the Netherlands at Singapore, writes as follows to the Singapore Daily Times:—

That the Editor of the *Hongkong Daily Press* should be ignorant of the political geography of these parts might be excused, but why you should propagate his mistakes in your columns is inconceivable! The *Hongkong* paper asserts: "as our readers are doubtless well aware, the Dutch have no Settlement in either Borneo or New Guinea, but claim territory in both by right of discovery."

Now considering the by no means small trade carried on between this place and Borneo, an Editor of a Singapore paper might, one would suppose, have heard of such places as Sambas, Pontianak, Banjar-massin and Cotel, on the mainland of Borneo, not to speak of various other places in the Archipelago up to New Guinea. The rights and claims of the Dutch in those parts have never, allow me to observe, "been suffered to drop out of sight," nor have they "been for years practically in abeyance," notwithstanding the assertion of the *Hongkong Daily Press* endorsed by the Singapore Daily Times.

To this letter the Editor of the Singapore Times adds this explanatory note:—"We simply quoted the paragraph from the *Hongkong Daily Press*, without comment. The insinuation of our endorsement of it just because we reproduced it therefore, goes for naught."

SUICIDE OF A CHINAMAN.

An Inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, before the Coroner, O. V. Cragh, Esq., and the following gentlemen as a Jury:—Messrs John Robinson, Henry Crawford and Miguel de Souza, on the body of one Ohng Awa.

Dr. Wharry, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, stated, the body of deceased was brought in about 8.30 a.m. to-day. It was that of a Chinese male, well nourished, about 50 years of age and only recently dead. There was a cord round the neck which left a mark on being removed. The tongue was protruding somewhat between the teeth, and death appeared to have resulted from strangulation.

The Ating, a rice pounder, who lived in the same house with deceased, proved finding the body hanging by the neck from a beam in the room about 6 o'clock this morning. A stool was lying on the floor near where deceased was standing. Deceased was very poor and had been out of employment for some time. Witness had often heard him complain that owing to his age he was unable to get work, but he had never heard him threaten to destroy himself. The matter was reported to the police and the body removed to the hospital.

Other coolies residing in the same house gave corroborative evidence. P. O. Grimble, who had the body removed, described the position in which he found the stool, three or four inches from the feet of deceased.

After consultation, the jury returned a verdict of *felo-de-se*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.) Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO PAY CHAIR HIRE.

Peter Gonzalez, 25, seaman unemployed, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair hire on the 15th instant. Fined \$1, and to pay 60 cents arrears to the chair coolie, in default three days' imprisonment.

INFREINGEMENT OF THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSE ORDINANCE.

Wat Awa, 58, a sheep dealer, and Tsang Afu, 59, mutton vendor, appeared, charged with slaughtering and dressing sheep at a house in Tifig Kai Lane, Wanchoi, contrary to Section 21, of Ordinance No. 9 of 1878, on the 12th instant.

Mr. G. Orley, Inspector of Markets, stated that at 2 o'clock on the morning in question he went to the first defendant's house and found him dressing some sheep which had been recently killed. There were tubs with blood in them. The place is a sheep lan, but not a registered slaughter-house. There were over fifty sheep on the premises. There is only one registered slaughter-house in the Colony. The licensed slaughterer pays \$1900 a month for the privilege and keeps a regular staff of butchers, and persons having cattle slaughtered there pay regulated fees. He had known both defendants for years and they were both well acquainted with the law. They said the sheep were slaughtered in that house on account of the distance to the Slaughter House, 3 or 4 miles. The operation was going on in the upper floor of a dwelling house. He believed that as many as 6 or 8 were slaughtered every day.

The first defendant said that at Christmas time there is a great demand for mutton, and as some of his men had gone to Canton, he had therefore to kill the sheep himself and on this occasion he made use of his own premises. The second defendant was his clerk.

His Worship ordered the second defendant to be discharged, the first to pay a fine of \$50.

KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.

Farah Rolston, appeared on a summons charged with keeping a disorderly house at East Point, and was ordered to enter into her own recognisance in the sum of \$50, to be of good behaviour for three months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Hon. the Acting Puisne Judge,
J. J. Francis Esq.)
Tuesday, Dec. 16.

MARKESS FALCONER AND ORS., \$100.—

In this case, L. Marks, assistant to Messrs Falconer & Co., sued them for \$100 being money in their hands, withheld from his salary, wrongfully as he alleged.

Mr. Denny, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that since the summons in this case was taken out plaintiff had received a letter of dismissal from his employers. In reply to that letter he had written to say that Messrs Falconer & Co. had broken their contract altogether with him and would be sued for heavy damages were the letter of dismissal not withdrawn. To that letter no answer had been sent, and until that matter was settled and that letter was withdrawn it would be useless, perhaps, to go into the present case. His Lordship would hardly understand what the claim really was, what the \$100 was claimed for, the plaintiff having taken the summons out personally. The sum of \$390 was detained by the defendants from the salary of the plaintiff for his passage money, while according to his way of it only \$250 ought to be detained. He had taken out himself, the summons for this \$100, which he believed he had the right to withdraw from their hands for use. He (Mr. Denny) suggested that this case might be allowed to lie over until the other matter had been settled. His Honor asked whether a fortnight would be sufficient.

Mr. Denny explained that the sum claimed for breach of contract would be very large if the matter was not amicably arranged.

The Judge asked if anybody represented Messrs Falconer & Co.

Mr. Denny: I see Mr. Ross here.

The Judge: Has Mr. Ross any objection?

Mr. Ross had no objection.

The case was adjourned for 14 days, with permission to either party to set it down at 24 hours' notice.

LAW REPORT.

THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION v. JUSTICE LEMBKE.

(Before Sir Barnes Peacock, Sir Montague E. Smith, Sir Henry S. Keating, Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.)

The judgment given by the Court in this appeal on the 22nd July was as follows: the full text has only reached the Colony by the present mail.

This is an appeal from a decree of the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its appellate jurisdiction, dated the 21st April 1877, in a suit in which the present Respondent was the Plaintiff, and the present Appellants were the Defendants, by which it was ordered and decreed that a certain appeal which had been brought by the Appellants against a decree or order of the said Court in its original jurisdiction, dated the 12th January previous, should stand dismissed. By the said order of the Court in its original jurisdiction the Appellants were ordered and decreed within seven days after service of the said decree to pay to the Respondent the sum of 775s. 18s. 7d., with interest thereon, calculated at the rate of ten per cent. from the 30th of June 1876 up to the date of payment, and also the costs of the suit.

The Appellants were a banking company carrying on business at Hongkong, and also in London, and elsewhere; and the Respondent was a merchant and commission agent, also carrying on business at Hongkong, under the style and firm of Justice Lembke and Co. The Respondent had for some time previously been in the habit of sending produce home to the consignments of a firm in London called J. O. Im Thurn and Co., and in the year 1874 he received from Messrs Im Thurn and Co. a letter of credit dated the 26th of February in that year, the terms of which are as follows: "We beg to confirm to you a credit of 5,000l. We say five thousand pounds sterling to be availed of against consignments of produce to our address in your drafts at six months sight, representing up to 85 per cent. real invoice value. Shipping documents to accompany advice of drafts and insurance covered by our open policy. And we agreed with you, the endorser and bona fide holders of all bills issued under this letter of credit, that the same shall be duly honoured on presentation and paid at maturity." After the receipt of that letter of credit, namely, on the 30th of July 1874, the Respondent drew a bill of exchange of that date upon Messrs Im Thurn and Co. in the following terms: "Hongkong, 30th July 1874. At six months after sight of this first of exchange, second and third of the same tenor and date not paid, pay to the order of myself the sum of five hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling value received, and place the same to account of your letter of credit dated 26/2/74 at shipment T. No. 2, 1 case musk per P. and O. S.s. 'Malwa'—J. Lembke.—To Messrs J. O. Im Thurn and Co., London." The bill was drawn by Respondent expressly on the terms of the letter of credit referred to. He subsequently drew another bill on the 14th August 1874 in the same terms for the sum of 380l. sterling value received, and the terms being the same, and the circumstances connected with the two bills the same, they form together the transaction which gave rise to the suit between the parties.

The first bill of exchange on the day of its date was taken for discount to the Appellants at their bank in Hongkong, and was left at the bank, together with the letter of credit and a bill of lading of the consignment of musk against which the bill had been drawn; and on the same day a memorandum was sent by the Appellants to the Respondent in the following terms: "In connection with your drafts 625l. We require insurance letters and L. Hypothecation, forms for which, in duplicate, we herewith forward to be filled up signed and returned, when we will pass proceeds to your credit and return letters of credit in due course."

On receiving that memorandum, the Respondent signed the letter of hypothecation which was sent to him, prepared by the Appellants, and returned it to them. The effect of that letter of hypothecation has formed the subject of much discussion in the argument upon the present occasion. It was addressed to the Oriental Bank Corporation, and as far as is material is in these terms: "Having this day negotiated to you one bill of exchange drawn by me on Messrs J. O. Im Thurn & Co. of London, the particulars of which are noted at foot, and having at the same time handed to you as collateral securities for the due payment of the said bills the bills of lading and ship-

ping documents of the several goods also stated at foot, my agreement is understood to be as follows: I authorise the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any manager or agent thereof, (not not so as to make it imperative,) to insure the above goods from sea risks including loss by capture, &c." This first clause relates to insurance and what was to happen in case of loss. The next clause is: "I also hereby authorise the said Corporation, and the holders of the above bills for the time being, to take conditional acceptances to all or any of such bills, to the effect that on payment thereof at maturity the above-mentioned bills of lading and shipping documents shall be delivered to the drawees or acceptors thereof, and such authorisation on my part shall be taken to extend to cases of acceptance for honour." Then a further clause is: "I further authorise the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any manager or agent thereof, on default being made in acceptance or presentment, or in payment at maturity of any of the above bills, to sell the said goods or a competent part thereof, and to apply the net proceeds (after deducting usual commission and charges) in payment of such bills with re-exchanges and charges, the balance (if any) to be placed against any other of my bills which may at the time be in the hands of the said Corporation, and, subject thereto, to be accounted for to the proper parties." Evidently showing that this document in all its parts was intended for the benefit of the Banking Corporation and for their additional security. Then it goes on: "I further authorise the said Corporation, or the holders of the said bills for the time being, at any time before their maturity, to accept payment from the drawees or acceptors thereof if required so to do, and on payment, to deliver the said bills of lading and shipping documents to such drawees or acceptors; and in that event the said Corporation or the holders of said bills are to allow a discount thereon for the time they may have to run at the Bank of England minimum rate of the day if taken up in London, or if in India, Ceylon, China, Japan, Mauritius, or Australia, at the current rate of discount of the day," &c. Then, "Lastly, it is mutually agreed that the delivery of said collateral securities to your Corporation shall not prejudice your rights on said bills in case of dishonour, nor shall any recourse taken thereon affect the title of the Corporation to said securities to the extent of my liability to your Corporation as above." That document is signed by the Respondent alone, and there is a schedule describing the particulars of the bills.

Now their Lordships would point out that in the first place the bill of exchange, of which mention is made in that letter of hypothecation, is in terms a bill of exchange drawn expressly with reference to the letter of credit dated the 26th February 1874. It is a bill of exchange drawn in pursuance of the terms of that letter of credit, and was endorsed upon it at the time the letter of hypothecation was given as part of one and the same transaction. What passed at the time appears on the case of the Respondent; it is there stated in paragraph 7: "At the same time that the Respondent signed the said letter of hypothecation he endorsed the said bill of exchange to the Appellants; and the Appellants, on the receipt of the said bill and letter of hypothecation, endorsed a notice of the drafts against the credit on the said letter of credit and returned it to the Respondent, and the Respondent received the value of the bill of exchange in account with the Appellants." The letter of credit therefore is clearly connected with the letter of hypothecation; and it seems to their Lordships perfectly plain that the letter of hypothecation was intended by both the parties to be merely an additional security to the Bank, giving them an option to do the various acts specified in the different clauses of it, should they think fit to do, but in no way getting rid of the letter of credit or disconnecting it from the transaction. The learned Counsel argued that the letter of credit was, as it were, put aside, and the letter of hypothecation substituted for it; but it appears to their Lordships plain that the intention of the parties was that those two documents should be taken together, and further that they are by no means inconsistent the one with the other. Indeed, when looked at in their plain and mercantile sense, they appear to be perfectly consistent and quite natural. Here were parties living at Hongkong having correspondents in London. The Respondent has a letter of credit authorising him to draw within a certain limit upon his correspondent in London, but against shipping documents. Wishing to negotiate the bill with the Appellants, he takes the bill to the Appellants, also retaining in Hongkong having their correspondents in London, and proposes to them in the first instance to negotiate the bill simply upon the letter of credit. Now, had the negotiation taken place upon the letter of credit, the course pursued would have been precisely that of which alone in the present suit the Respondent complains; because, according to the course of things indicated by that letter of credit, the delivery of the shipping documents would in pursuance of it have taken place at the time of the acceptance by Im Thurn & Co. in London, of the bill of exchange, and their Lordships see no reason to suppose that the Appellants intended to do anything else than to increase their security by obtaining the letter of hypothecation. Taking into account the distance of Hongkong from London, the Appellants might naturally desire to have the letter of hypothecation, giving them a control over the goods, and allowing them to take those proceedings at their option which might become necessary in events not impossible to happen. In other words, the object of it was to give them power to act according to circumstances.

The Appellants accordingly discounted this bill, and paid over the amount of it to the Respondent. They forwarded the documents to London; and upon that day, the 30th July 1874, the Respondent communicated with Im Thurn & Co., his correspondents in London, and amongst other things, in that communication he alludes to this bill of exchange, and says: "Against the above consignment I have this day taken the liberty of drawing upon your esteemed firm, under your credit of February 1874, bill No. 1/38, 625l. 6s. 6d. own order, which draft I commend to your kind protection. The bill is in the hands of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and documents, namely, bills of lading, abstract of invoice, letter of hypothecation, and insurance letter, are attached thereto; the draft was sold documents against payment." Meaning no doubt that the Oriental Bank Corporation had the power to hold the documents as against payment. Then he continues: "I believe however that your

esteemed firm may also obtain the documents against acceptance only."

The belief that he so expressed in the letter coincided with what took place, because the Oriental Bank Corporation in London, probably satisfied on the spot with the solvency of Im Thurn & Co., took their acceptance of the bill and handed over to them the shipping documents. In other words, they gave up the option secured to them by the letter of hypothecation, and proceeded as they would have proceeded had there been no such letter. Having done so, the transactions between the parties continued for some time; Im Thurn & Co., having obtained the shipping documents, sold the goods, and sent to their correspondent, the Respondent; but unfortunately they failed before the bill became payable. The bill having been dishonoured at maturity, the Respondent was called upon by the bank to take it up, which he did under protest, contending that he had been discharged by the bank's having given up the shipping documents before payment of the bill. Thereupon he instituted a suit against the appellants in order to recover the amount which he had paid to them under protest.

The case first came before the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, sitting in its original jurisdiction, and the trial took place, without the intervention of a jury. In truth, all throughout this case there has been no dispute about the facts, but the Respondent called certain commission agents, merchants, and bank managers to give their opinions as to what was the duty incumbent upon the present appellants, having received the letter of hypothecation as well as the letter of credit. Their opinions are not given in a very clear manner, and it is not at all necessary to consider the effect of their evidence, if evidence it can be called. Whether it could have been admitted if it had been objected to, or whether it was open to the observation of Mr. Justice Snowden, who afterwards expressed the opinion that it was not admissible at all, it is also unnecessary to consider, because whatever the effect of this evidence may be, or with whatever object it may have been adduced, it cannot control the construction of the written documents. It does not seem to their Lordships that there is any doubt or ambiguity that could give rise to the admissibility of any such evidence. The documents seem themselves to be perfectly clear, the simple question appearing to be whether the present appellants were bound to hold over the shipping documents under the circumstances, or whether they had a right, if they pleased, to hand them over as they did to obtain the acceptance of Im Thurn & Co. Their Lordships see no reason to doubt that according to the true construction of the letter of hypothecation, taken together with the letter of credit, and the form in which the bills were drawn, the appellants, notwithstanding they had the option of withholding the documents, were justified, if they pleased, in taking the course which they adopted.

The Chief Justice, upon the hearing of the suit, seems to have taken the same view of the written documents as that now expressed by their Lordships; but having admitted the evidence of witnesses as to the duty of the bank, he seems to have thought himself controlled by their opinion. Perhaps it would have been better had he adhered to the opinion which he had at first formed, and which appears to have coincided with that which their Lordships entertain, and which was also entertained by Mr. Justice Snowden in the Court before when the case came before it in its appellate jurisdiction. Under these circumstances their Lordships will humbly advise Her Majesty that this appeal be allowed, that the decrees below be reversed, and that judgment be entered for the defendants, with costs in both the Lower Courts; their Lordships are also of opinion that the appellants should receive the costs of this appeal.

Manila.

(Translated from *Exchanges*.)

News from Leyte, with regard to the late destructive typhoon, says that the schooner *Union*, anchored off the south coast of Samar, dragged her anchor, and was cast on a reef, from whence it is doubtful if she can be got off; the schooner *Caridad* was lost in Carigara with all on board, including the Captain; the barque *Conchita* was stranded on shore; the schooner *Liberad* was much damaged. On shore, very few houses remained standing; and the general loss is yet unknown, until news from other villages are received.

A very promising harvest of paddy and sugar-cane is expected this year in the island of Negros; but an invasion of rats has destroyed a valuable portion of the green paddy.

The Diamonds arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 9th inst., with \$9,000 in silver. The 7th and 8th December were kept at Manila as gala days, owing to the consecration of the new Cathedral—the construction of which was commenced in 1871, on the site where the old Cathedral stood before the earthquake of the 3rd June 1863, when the whole of Manila suffered more or less—and also owing to the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. The ceremonies of consecration were performed by the Archbishop of Manila, assisted by the Bishop of Jaro and Bishop of Tongkin; there were illuminations at night on the 8th, when several bands of music were kept playing in front of the church to the immense gratification of the large concourse.

A *Gaceta Extraordinaria* was issued on the 4th Dec., containing an appeal from the Governor-General to the inhabitants of the Philippines, for assistance to the sufferers by the flood in Spain. A meeting having been convened on the previous night in the Governor's residence, of the principal merchants for the same purpose, the substantial sum of \$2,625 was raised on the spot. Subscriptions are invited, and lists are open in the three daily newspaper offices and in the Treasury. Charitable entertainments of every kind are being given to increase the sum already collected.

Another meeting took place on the morning of the 9th, at the residence of the Governor-General, composed of the principal authorities, the managers of the Foreign Banks, and the representative of the firm of Larralde and Co., for the purpose of collecting and immediately remitting the sum in aid of the sufferers by the flood at Murcia, Alicante and Almeria. They re-

solved unanimously to send immediately the \$15,000, already collected, by telegraphic transfer, and the managers of the Banks present were requested to transmit the sum to Spain, which duty they very kindly consented to discharge without discount or commission in the transmission, and the President thanked them in the name of the meeting and of the poor sufferers for this favour. A telegram was then drawn to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing to him that the branches of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, will place \$15,000 in his hands for the disposal of the relief Committee in aid of the sufferers by the flood. The *Esmeralda* left to-day (10th) with the telegraphic orders.

Another *Gaceta Extraordinaria* was issued on the 5th December, at noon, announcing the royal marriage of King Alfonso with H.I.H. the Archduchess of Austria, Maria Christina, which took place on the 29th Nov. last.

A silver lamp, costing \$3,000, was presented by a few residents of Manila to the new Cathedral.

The steamer *Churrua*, on her voyage from Iloilo to Zamboanga on the 24th ult., saw the schooner *Luz* ashore on the island of Mindoro abandoned, no doubt owing to the severity of the late storm.

The *Esmeralda* arrived from Hongkong on the 5th Dec. with \$137,266 in silver.

The performances given by the troupe of English acrobats recently arrived at Manila are very highly spoken of by the local press; the troupe is known as the Gregory Company, and among them is a French tenor named Anthony.

The value of dutiable articles exported from Manila during the month of November last amounted to \$843,996 against \$425,514 same time last year.

During the first fortnight of Nov. were imported into these islands \$227,624 in Spanish silver coin, and \$27,425 in silver bar; exported during the same period, \$3,250 in Spanish gold coin, and \$1,950 of gold in bullion.

The first entertainment in aid of the sufferers by the flood in Spain was given on the 10th instant, by the Gregory troupe, in the Tondo Theatre, when there was a full house.

We understand that the Manila-Cagayan Mail Steamship Company have purchased in China the new steamer *Romulus*, which will arrive in eight or ten days.

The sum collected at the Manila Customs during November last amounts to \$63,241.82, against \$105,633.17 same time last year.

The *Comercio* of the 11th instant says that it is not without foundation that uneasiness is felt with regard to the safety of the gunboat *Marisela*, which, according to the semaphore of Santiago, was seen passing on the 16th ult. at 3 p.m. bound South. The news we gave yesterday that a steamer was lost off Camote Island, which some one took for a canard, is a fact, and considering the source from which we obtained the news, it cannot be otherwise. We hear to-day that the *Marisela* left Puerto Galera on the 19th, at 3.30 p.m. after coaling, and was seen to pass Calapan in the latter part of the afternoon. Now as the loss seems to be a fact, we can at least sincerely hope that the whole of the crew are saved.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(N. O. D. News.)

The second prize given by the Chinese Tract Society for the best tract in favor of the Christian religion was awarded to *Lou Yak-cho*, a young man now twenty-six years of age. He was educated in the Baptist Boarding School in Tunchow, and is a member of Dr. Crawford's Church.

We understand that the barque *Chinaman*, which it will be remembered was in collision with the C. M. S. N. Co.'s str. *Kiangtien* last Saturday afternoon, was expected to go into dock yesterday. The injuries sustained by the steamer have been found to be more extensive than they were thought to be at the time. The question as to who is to pay for the damage done, will, we understand, be submitted to the Assistant Judge for arbitration, which is to be conducted on the principles of British maritime law.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 16.

OPUM.—New Pata, cash, \$587½
" Old " cash, 585
" New Buaras, cash, 517½
" Old " cash, —
" New Malwa, credit, 700
" Allowance, Teal., —
" Old Malwa, credit, 750
" Allowance, Teal., —

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 39½
" Demand, ... 39½
" 30 days' sight, ... 39½
" 4 months' sight, ... 310½
Credits, 4 " ... 310½
Documentary, 4 months' sight, 310½
India, Wire, ... 224
" demand, ... 224½
Shanghai, demand, ... 73½
" 80 days' sight, ... 74½
Gold Leaf, 99½ fine ... 27.25
Sovereigns, ... 5.27.

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 57 ½ prem. sellers.
Union Ins. Society of O'ton, \$1,360, buyers.
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,325, sales.
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,125, buyers.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 780, sales.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$310, sellers.
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$320, sales.
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 10 ½ nominal, prem.
H.K. & C. M. S.-boat Co., \$19 prem. sellers.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 11
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 100
Hongkong Gas Co., \$66.
China Sugar Refining Co., \$157, sales.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal.
Do. of 1877, do.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 16.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.300
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.226
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.2

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSAILLES;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.
DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, 1879, at 3 p.m., the Company's S. S. *OXUS*, Commandant RAPAT, with MALES, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 23rd December, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 16, 1879. de24

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., the 23rd December. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. de24

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. *TAKASAGO MARU*, Capt. Young, due here on or about the 22nd Instant, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Dec., at Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 26th Dec. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
To YOKOHAMA.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.
" YOKOHAMA &Do. \$75. Do. \$20.
" NAGASAKI.....Do. \$75. Do. \$20.

A REDUCTION in RETURN CARGO PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. de27

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES.

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *GALICIA* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 13th January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja13

Mails.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *THIBET*, Captain P. H. TORRICK, will leave this Port on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 11 p.m.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. de18

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.C.

Mr C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co.,

Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATRINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND
COMMISSION AGENT.

ALL GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM THE 1st OF OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWATERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3s80

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *ANADYR*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-MORROW (Friday), the 12th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1879. de18

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LONDON, SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE Steamship *Gordon Castle*, WARRING, Commander, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that the Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 19th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. de19

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, December 4, 1879. ja4

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1879, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879. 4s80

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an EXTENSIVE MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCK are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft. Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 4s80

TO LET.

THE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4, Praya East, MARINE LOT No. 65 (formerly known as the "Blue House"), with possession on 1st January, proximo.

Apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. ja1

"ROSE VILLAS"—EAST.

SIX ROOMS, upon BONHAM and ROBINSON ROADS. GAS, WATER, FLOWER and VEGETABLE GARDEN, STABLE and TENNIS LAWNS.

Apply to
SHARP & DANBY,
No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GODOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT 10. Possession from 1st December next.

Also, the TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession from 1st December.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in GODOWNS in PEDDAR'S WHARF BUILDINGS, at Moderate Terms.

Apply to
G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, August 9, 1879.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

INSURANCES.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premia for LIFE Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1879. 2jn80

SWISS LLOYD

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 3jn80

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 206,370

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATION, 25th April, 1879.....Tls. 856,370

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. | Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.
O. LUCAS, Esq. | S. D. WERN, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

FULLARTON HENDERSON, Esq.,
Agent.
8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. 10c80

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1879.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	5 b	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Dec. 14	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamsui, &c.	18th daylight
Bombay	2 b		Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	K'wok Acheong		
City of Peking	5 c	Berry	Amer. str.	5079	Dec. 16	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F. etc.	24th inst.
Crusader	5 d	Rowin	Brit. str.	647	Dec. 10	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	24th inst.
Diamante	5 h	Thobaud	Brit. str.	514	Dec. 16	Russell & Co.	Amoy	
Fame	5 b	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Plying
Ferretia	5 c	Schultz	Ger. str.	1115	Dec. 11	Siemssen & Co.		
Gordon Castle	5 b	Waring	Brit. str.	1300	Dec. 12	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Malacca	5 c	Woodgate	Brit. str.	1709	Dec. 3	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Norna	5	Love	Brit. str.	606	May	31 Kwok Acheong	Cos'tan Dock	
Scindia	5 c	Windham	Brit. str.	1423	Dec. 14	Siemssen & Co.	New York	
Sea Gull	8 k	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.		
Somerset	3 c	Darke	Brit. str.	1000	Dec. 12	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	27th inst.
Sunda	2	Reeves	Brit. str.	1029	Dec. 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Thibet	5 c	Torbeck	Brit. str.	1671	Dec. 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow
Tung Ting		Degen	Chl. str.	314	Dec. 13	M. S. N. Co.	Sands' Slip	
Zamboanga	4 c	Araguren	Span. str.	661	Dec. 16	Remedios & Co.		
Sailing Vessels								
Alice Reed	8 c	Killaran	Amer. bgo.	873	Dec. 6	Melchers & Co.		
Amy Turner	2 k	Newell	Amer. bgo.	991	Dec. 8	Russell & Co.		
August	4 c	Riss	Ger. bgo.	296	Nov. 11	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Aurorita		Thompson	Dan. bgo.	670	Dec. 8	Wieler & Co.	Manila	Wanchai Pier
Belted Will	5 c	Farrell	Brit. bgo.	786	Nov. 28	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bonita	4 k	Stehr	Ger. 3m. sc.	341	Oct. 29	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Hamburg	
Bonito	4 c	Wisenberg	Ger. bgo.	624	Dec. 12	Siemssen & Co.		
Brema	3 k	Timpe	Ger. bgo.	396	Nov. 29	Wieler & Co.	Bangkok	
Ceres	2 c	McWilliam	Brit. bgo.	454	Dec. 8	Captain		
Chamrou Kamrye	2 b	Stolze	Siam. bgo.	480	Dec. 15	Yuen Fat Hong		
Chocola	4 k	Kennett	Brit. bgo.	284	July 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.		For Sale
Claro Babuyan	4 c	Polson	Brit. bgo.	358	Nov. 29	Vogel & Co.	London	
Ebnazer		Milne	Brit. bktine.	317	Dec. 12	Melchers & Co.	London	Cos'tan Dock
Echo	4 c	Tozer	Brit. bgo.	309	Nov. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	3 c	Lindbergh	Brit. bgo.	391	Nov. 9	Vogel & Co.	London	
Emerald Isle	4 c	Staples	Amer. sh.	1696	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Emil Julius	2 c	Jurgensen	Ger. bgo.	601	Dec. 11	Melchers & Co.		
Empire	7 c	Leckie	Amer. sh.	1131	Dec. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Ernest	4 k	Hervé	Fch. bgo.	890	Oct. 13	Landstein & Co.		For Sale
Faugh Balagh	3 c	Rüte	Ger. bgo.	240	Nov. 16	Carlowitz & Co.		
Flensborg	4 k	Joacsen	Dan. bgo.	365	Nov. 9	Vogel & Co.	London	
Friedrich	3 c	Petersen	Ger. 3m. sc.	294	Nov. 29	Wieler & Co.	Saigon	
F. Perthes	5 c	Walter	Ger. bgo.	446	Nov. 29	Siemssen & Co.	Europe	
Goliath	2 c	Dentzau	Siam. bgo.	642	Nov. 28	Wo Tye Hong		
Harmonie	5 k	Schiphorst	Ger. sch.	241	Nov. 26	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Hayden Brown	7 c	Havener	Amer. bgo.	865	Dec. 11	Melchers & Co.		
Hazel Holmes	3 k	Millican	Brit. bgo.	405	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	Manila	
Hieronymus	2 k	Ipland	Ger. bgo.	425	Nov. 24	Russell & Co.		
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1362	June 16	Vogel & Co.		
Hiram Emery	7 c	Wyman	Amer. bgo.	799	Nov. 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Hongkong	4 c	Uom	Ger. 3m. sc.	219	Dec. 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Iphigenia	2 c	Green	Ger. bgo.	464	Dec. 11	Russell & Co.	New York	
Jessie McDonald	2 c	Stott	Brit. bktine.	215	Dec. 21	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Joachim Christian	7 c	Ricklefs	Ger. bgo.	685	Dec. 9	Messageries Maritimes		
John Nicholson	7 c	Campbell	Brit. sh.	698	Dec. 5	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Laurel	3 k	Johnson	Brit. bgo.	638	Dec. 13	Borneo Co., Limited		
Middlesea	3 c	Amrose	Brit. bgo.	1191	Dec. 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Moses B. Tower	8 c	Hall	Am. bktine.	637	Nov. 80	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Oberon	3 c	Schmidt	Ger. bgo.	379	Dec. 12	Russell & Co.	New York	Cleared
Palma	4 c	Bunge	Ger. bgo.	299	Nov. 12	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Pampero	3 c	McKenzie	Brit. bgo.	588	Nov. 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Rhor Brahe	3 c	Joaksson	Russ. bgo.	585	Nov. 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila	
Primus	4 c	Bergman	Russ. sh.	1166	Nov. 29	Order	Philippines	
Queen of India	4 c	Cary	Brit. bgo.	890	Oct. 31	Vogel & Co.	London	
Roderick Hay	5 k	Nicolson	Brit. bgo.	290	Dec. 11	Turner & Co.		
Saml. D. Carleton	7 c	Freeman	Amer. bgo.	884	Nov. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Sophie	4 c	Bang	Ger. bgo.	209	Dec. 9	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg	
Southern Cross	3 k	Gibbs	Amer. sh.	1129	Oct. 16	Captain		
Spartan	3 k	Vincent	Amer. sch.	81	Aug. 27	W. H. Bay		
Sunstar	3 k	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		
Thoon Kramom	2 k	Vorrath	Siam. bgo.	460	Nov. 26	Siemssen & Co.		
Three Brothers	2 k	Khucke	Brit. bgo.	367	Nov. 14	Wo Tye Hong		
Undine	3 c	Kruse	Ger. bgo.	968	Nov. 80	Melchers & Co.	Manila	
Vesta	3 k	Ruige	Dutch bgo.	417	Nov. 16	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon	
Winlow	4 k	Barker	Brit. bgo.	456	Nov. 28	Vogel & Co.	London	
Yorktown	2 b	Murphy	Amer. sh.	1566	Nov. 27	Order	Philippines	
WHAMPOA								
Fantaisie		Cooper	Brit. bgo.	693	Dec. 16	Captain		
Hochung		Peterson	Chl. str.	849	Dec. 16	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Marco Polo		Breckwoldt	Ger. bgo.	368	Dec. 11	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg	
Malvina		Kluge	Ger. bgo.	480	Nov. 12	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Poibo		Seekamp	Ger. bgo.	433	Dec. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Hamburg	
R. M. Hayward		Doane	Am. bktine.	605	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.	New York	
CANTON								
Amoy		Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Dec. 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Romulus		Wait	Brit. str.	497	Dec. 14	Captain		